

Nyheter (News)

March 2008. New SON Lodge 3 – 679 *Norsk Carolina* (soon to vote on name) Charlotte, NC and the Carolinas



The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington

Our March 29th meeting was great and we had several new people attend. We had another fine lesson in Norwegian language from Mette and discussed having a more comprehensive Norwegian Language classes program. These would take place June and July by sign up once a week and then September and October once a week to be held at our regular meeting place and by “conference call” for those that want to participate but logistically can’t attend weekly lessons personally. What a great way to be speaking more Norwegian by Christmas! Hvordan har du det? Bare bra, takk!

We had a great presentation from Else on the history and importance of May 17th (Constitution Day). Else talked about significant events that led to the 1397 Union with Sweden and the Danes, the new constitution declaring independence in 1814 as well as the effects of the World Wars. The Celebration of May 17th has always been about the children. Not the military, not political but about the future in Norway. It has specifically been about the children and their being Norway’s future. A really wonderful and informational presentation by Else to the group. Kay provided Heart Shaped Waffles with fruit spread and Anne provided Whole Grain Norwegian Bread that we served with brunost/ brown goat cheese, butter and also Jarlsberg cheese. On the Web site that we are working to create we will have a “Recipes” section to feature all the great dishes we have at our meetings as well as special family recipes that everyone can make and enjoy at home. We also appreciate all those that brought pictures or special items to share with the group during our coffee/fellowship time.

We have established several committees and the volunteerism is great! For the November 8th ScanFest event we have Ruth, Deb and Else to help with coordination and event participation planning. We have committed to having a booth/exhibit at the ScanFest uptown for the country of Norway for this great and growing festival. Deb McConaghy has also volunteered to help with a December 2008 dinner/party event. Please take time to thank these individuals for their leadership as well as to offer items to exhibit, goods and your services to make these events memorable for SON, our membership and the community.

We have officers elect to be formalized when we have our 40 members and are “official”. They are Carol King, President, Ron Olszewski, Vice President, Deb McConaghy, Secretary/Membership, and Nina Olszewski, Treasurer. This is wonderful!!

Please make sure you call Sherry at 1-800-945-8851 to transfer any memberships to 3-679 so that we have the counts we need to move forward as a lodge. We need 40 and are very close!

Invite your friends and please encourage them to join our lodge! You can also win a trip to Norway for those you refer and those that you sign up as guests. The details are on the SON Web.

Next Meeting Highlights:

April 19th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. 1900 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC 28205 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM We will have a wonderful presentation on Bunads from different eras and areas of Norway. The significance of jewelry, stitches' and colors will delight you. This will be great prep for May 17th and an understanding of some of the items that are traditional at May 17th. BRING SPECIAL JEWELRY, CLOTHING, PICTURES OF NORWEGIAN DRESS, FESTIVITIES OR FAMILY GATHERINGS INVOLVING TRADITIONAL DRESS SUCH AS MARRAIGES, CONFIRMATIONS, FUNERALS AND GRADUATIONS TO SHARE! Takk!

May 17th, at Reedy Creek Park, Charlotte, 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM., Lunch at 12:30 and Parade at 2:00 PM. We will have a nice picnic and parade to share with our group, children and friends. We will be inviting groups from all over the Carolinas and from other organizations such as the Scan group, International House, UNCC International Students and many others. We want to have a fun gathering as well as present foods, colors and other May 17th traditions and fan fare. We have to start it!!!! It will grow and Charlotte will soon be known as the May 17th fun place of the South for Norwegian Culture! Please plan to wear your Bunads or special nice clothing, bring flags and share in the celebration.

June: TBD. A possible mid summer's eve celebration along with a meeting and/or picnic.

July: at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. 1900 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC 28205 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Woodcarvers and Candle making highlighted along with a short general meeting.

August: Summer Break – No Meeting

September: at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. 1900 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC 28205 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Sash and Knitting exhibited along with a general meeting. We'll also carve the guys out to make a carving to be displayed at the November Scan Fest Event Uptown. Plus September 27th 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM International Day at UNCC. Several have already volunteered to provide exhibit items and help to man the table.

October: TBD (Perhaps inviting SON Financial Planners that can tell us more about new products and opportunities)

November: November 8th Scan Fest event and display at Uptown Charlotte NC. We will also meet at the ScanFest at 1:00 PM for a short meeting at the food festival area as a group and then enjoy the wonderful ScanFest activities.

December: Jule Dinner and Festival with a Juletre (Christmas Tree) for all to share and celebrate in. We will make and contribute decorations. We will also have a planned community activity or items to give to a specific nursing home or facility for the holidays and can maybe share some of our Norwegian decorations. We'd like to identify several Norwegian shut ins to share gifts and holiday culture/spirit with. Please call Deb (704-564-1364) with names and locations to put on our list. Be it a gift basket with cards from our Lodge or a personal visit, we can make the holiday special.

AS WE SHARE AND BUILD OUR LODGE - WE WILL ADD MANY THINGS THAT WILL COME FROM YOUR SUGGESTIONS, PARTICIPATION AND GOOD IDEAS! KEEP THEM COMING! Great things to invite friends and family to!

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!

News from other chapters and events:

District Convention which will be held **June 4-8** in VA BEACH VA. Our lodge will most likely be eligible to have 2 delegates. The convention is held every 2 years. Both the Atlanta and North Carolinas lodges will have delegates there so it would be great if we had 3 new lodges represented. Please let Carol know if you are interested in attending. The lodge will help with some travel and overnight expenses.

5/2/08 – 5/4/08 Land of the Vikings Golf Tournament. Contact: 570-461-3500 for registration/information.

5/10/08 Southern Star Lodge at Myrtle Beach, SC Picnic for 17th of May Constitution Day Celebration. Myrtle Beach State Park. Small fee per car as entrance fee. Shelter rented.

5/17/08 Norsk Carolina Charlotte Lodge – May 17th Picnic and Parade, Reedy Creek Park, Charlotte, North Carolina 12:00 – 4:00 PM

6/3 -6/8/08 District 3 in Virginia Beach, VA (Will help with costs if members will attend! Call Carol)

6/22/08 Danish Summer Celebration Sunday (Host, location and time to be announced) Columbia South Carolina with the Nordic Club

11/14 – 16/2008 Land of the Vikings NJ **30th Anniversary Celebration**

Sissel in Concert – Be sure and look up different venues and date to see this wonderful concert. SON discounts are available. Or ask Carol for more details if you need them.

Below are some special links that may be of interest. If you have others that you can share please email Carol at ckingnc@bellsouth.net.

Friends of Scandinavia, Piedmont Lodge, Statesville NC: kok@kok.com

ScanFair: www.scanfair.org/

For ***Orienteering*** schedule and events please look at: carolina-ok.org or email davidalexander1813@yahoo.com

<http://www.nowellsfurniture.com/> Nowells Contemporary & Scandinavian Furniture
900 E Chatham St
Cary, NC 27511
919-467-9224

The Norwegian Embassy, Washington DC: <http://www.norway.org/Embassy/embassy.htm>

Nordic Club of South Carolina, Columbia <http://www.nordicclub.org> or email: dessau@bellsouth.net

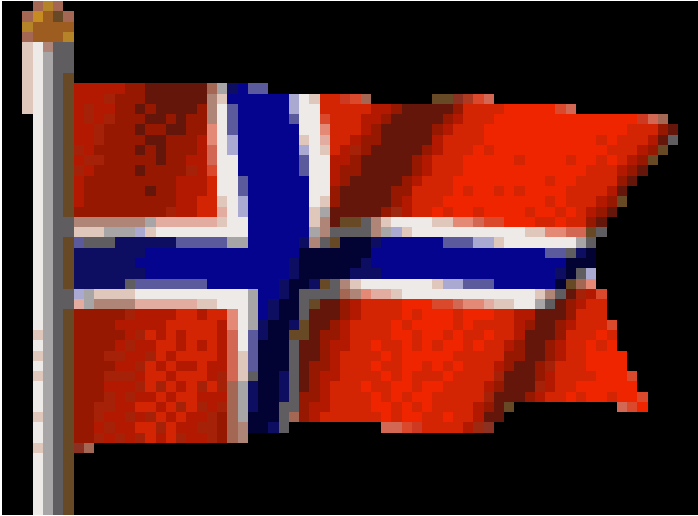
www.norway.org For anything you want to know about Norway
SON Norfolk VA: <http://www.sonhamptonroads.org/>

SON Myrtle Beach: kmcilrath@sc.rr.com

The Norwegian-American Historical Society <http://www.naha.stolaf.edu/>

A unique place to order anything Norwegian <http://www.northerner.com/index.html>
Norway (Norwegian) Flag

<http://www.united-states-flag.com/world-norway.html> As the leading online vendor of Norway flags, we offer a choice of 2 different fabrics. Our Online Stores Brand Superknit polyester flags combine excellent durability with low cost and attractive appearance. At just \$9.95 each they offer outstanding value. We stock the Norway flag in 4x6 inch, 12x18 inch, 2ft x 3ft, 3ft x 5ft and 4ft x 6ft sizes in nylon and 3ft x 5ft in Superknit polyester. Other sizes are available on request and typically ship in 3-4 days. Norway celebrates it's Centennial 1905-2005 this year. For information and for events visit [Norway .com](http://Norway.com), which we are pleased to sponsor.



If you have questions or need directions please feel free to call Carol King at 704-674-2778 or Mette Andersen at 704-678-2360